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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/079,347

Applicant(s)

DEBORDE ET AL.

Examiner

Hau V Phan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,5-14 and 16-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/20/2002 has been considered.

Acknowledgment

3. The preliminary amendment filed on 2/20/2002 has been considered.

Election/Restrictions

4. Applicant's election of group I, claims 1, 3-4 and 15 in Paper No. 6 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
5. Claims 2, 5-14 and 16-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 6.

Abstract

6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract is not in a single paragraph form. The term "its" should be changed to "an". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

7. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase "for gliding for downhill skiing" should be changed to "for gliding downhill skiing". Appropriate correction is required.

8. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: The term "its length" should be changed to "a length of the gliding board". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

10. **Claims 1, 3-4 and 15 as best understood are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Commier et al. (5,280,943).**

Commier et al. in figures 1-2, 6, 10, 15 and 21 disclose a board for gliding downhill skiing comprising a lower gliding surface (100) having a sole plate bordered by

metal edges (40, 50) and a top sheet (103) substantially parallel to the lower gliding surface on either side of the center longitudinal plane of the board. Commier et al. also disclose lateral faces (103a, 103b) extending between the metal edges and the top sheet. The lateral faces have recesses (figure 10 and 21), which are located below the plane of the top sheet and opening out in the top sheet. Wherein the base of the recesses forms a slope that is inclined longitudinally relative to the lower gliding surface and the top sheet (figure 10).

Regarding claim 3, Commier et al. disclose the base of the recesses, which is inclined toward the rear and the bottom of the board (figure 10).

Regarding claim 4, Commier et al. disclose the base of the recesses having a slope that is substantially constant over the greater part of a length of the gliding board (figure 10).

Regarding claim 15, Commier et al. disclose the recesses having a width, which is measured in the transverse direction of the board. The width can vary over the length of the recesses (figure 10).

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Rohrmoser discloses a ski with a profiled top, Liard discloses a ski having at least one recess formed in an upper surfaces thereof, Zanco discloses a board for sliding over snow provided with auxiliary edge elements of height less than that of the board, Magnani discloses a skiing equipment and an accessory for damping

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the flexural vibrations of s ski, Andrus et al. disclose an integrated modular glide board, Porte discloses a snowboard.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V Phan whose telephone number is 703-308-2084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Johnson can be reached on 703-308-0885. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

HP
June 27, 2003

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